



King County

Veterans' Program

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King County Veterans' Program Advisory Board

Meeting Summary

October 20, 2009

10:30 a.m. – Noon

Compass Center Veterans Transitional Program - Shoreline

Call to Order

Vice - Chairman Bill Wood called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Art Dammkoehler, Antony Ferrucci, Lyle Stevenson, Bill Wood, Eddie Jensen, Roger Welles, Debra Wood, Doug Hoople, David Waggoner

Board Members Excused/Absent:

Bill Metcalf, Rick Woodruff, Harry Brown, Stan Gunno, Tom Leonard Ray Tomlinson,

County Staff Present:

Jackie MacLean –Department of Community and Human Services (Department Director)
Linda Peterson Department of Community and Human Services (Program Director)
Joel Estey, Department of Community and Human Services (KCVP)
Rita Sanchez, Department of Community and Human Services (KCVP)

Review of Meeting Summary

The minutes for September 15, 2009 were reviewed and no revisions were identified

ACTION:

September 15, 2009 meeting summary was approved.

Committee Reports

Appeals: No appeals.

Budget & Finance: The Budget and Finance Committee did not meet and no report was submitted.

Programs: Program Committee chairman Debra Woods- talked about the meeting that was held in August, she handed-out packets with information on the programs that the Advisory board would like to see more discussion and support on such as women and senior veterans programs. Doug Hoople – discuss the third annual Military Kids and Family summit Nov 13, 2009 in Tacoma.



Bill Wood would like to push for a retirement home or facility which has to do with senior military officers or ambassadors in the next housing round, this program really works, and the veterans have a common bond and really good connection.

Monthly Reports:

There was some discussion about how bed nights are established. A bed night is a person occupying a bed. One night of lodging equals (1) bed night.

Levy: Bill Wood –Discussed the housing proposal and its various components: new construction, rehab construction, housing for veterans, and housing for women who are exiting abusive relationships. These programs are located throughout the US and provide supportive services and meals. Bill did not see any for seniors that is something that needs more discussion.

Doug Hoople – Discussed the annual report and also the website which are both available to the public. Doug also discussed the feed-back from the Regional Policy Committee (RPC). The RPC was pleased with the Levy board and other boards' involvement.

Levy Oversight Board has a new PowerPoint presentation. It will be used when speaking to different groups.

Doug Hoople also discussed John Hopkins report on veterans which is on the levy oversight board website. It addresses how the money is spent and what agencies receive levy funding.

Debra Wood discussed the Levy Oversight board and the Advisory Board and would like for both to be more involved with speaking engagements.

Outreach:

Joel is still working with outreach at senior centers and has added two new locations Vashon Island and NorthShore. Joel is looking for ways to keep the outreach fresh when returning to the same location continuously.

Speaking engagements:

There will be a PowerPoint presentation done on November 5th at Mt. Si golf course. Joel Estey, Sadikifu Akina-James, and Doug Hoople are schedule to have several Levy presentations throughout the county.

Redmond Human Service Commission
November 10th @6:30 PM
Location - TBD

Publicity: Poster available for distribution

Legislative: No Legislative and finance reports

Old Business

Eddie Jensen – talked about the website for the KCVP which needs to have correct and consistent information. King County will be updating and working on the county website department wide. Eddie also suggested adding the Advisory Board agenda and a place for website updates. Motion was taken to add website updates to the advisory board agenda. Vote was taken and motion was accepted.

Fred Steele - discussed the spending trends of 2008 and 2009, cost of living increases, and reduced employment opportunities which have contributed to a challenging year for veterans. Cold weather and the holidays also place an increased demand on KCVP resources. VASH (Section 8 vouchers) aren't distributed until spring time delaying housing opportunities for veterans.

Fred Steele – discussed updates to the VIBE database, and the new assessment tool the KCVP will be using. Fred heard the board's concern about cutbacks in financial aid. He agreed to address this issue in more detail at the November meeting.

New Business

Meeting calendar for 2010

Next Meeting

November 17, 2009 (Renton Work Source)

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Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.